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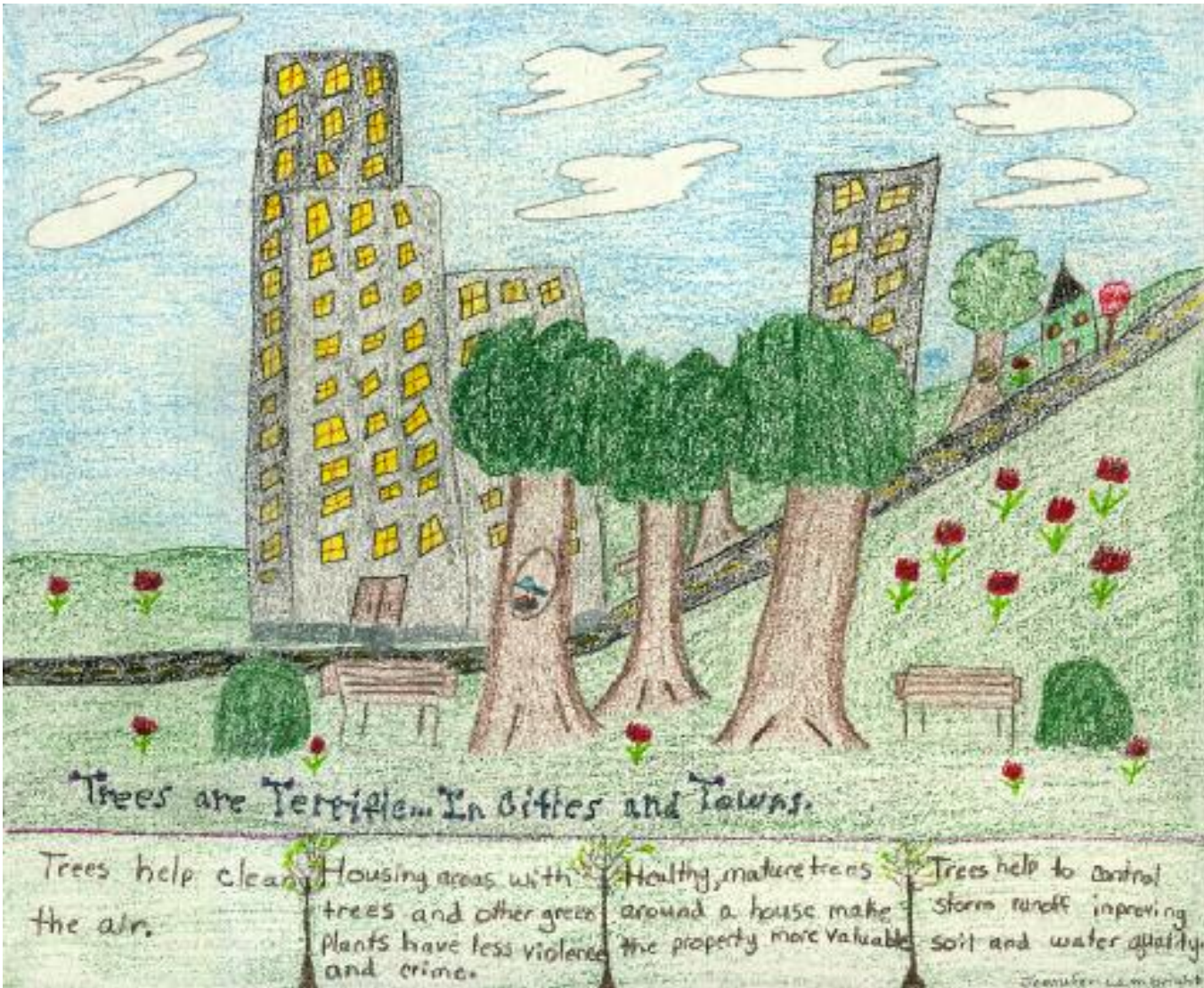
Christmas Tree
By Margaret Nilsen

Christmas tree
Christmas tree
When you were little
With your family
You grew up and up and up.

Christmas tree
Christmas tree
We cut you down
Took you home
Gave you ornaments galore
We celebrated Christmas together
Until the time came.

Christmas tree
Christmas tree
Next year came fast
You're out the door
I save you
And take you away
To a far away place
Just you and I
To be together
Christmas forever.

Thoreau Elementary, Madison
Honorable Mention
Teacher: Kellie Bett



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Teacher: Ms. Sandra Serum

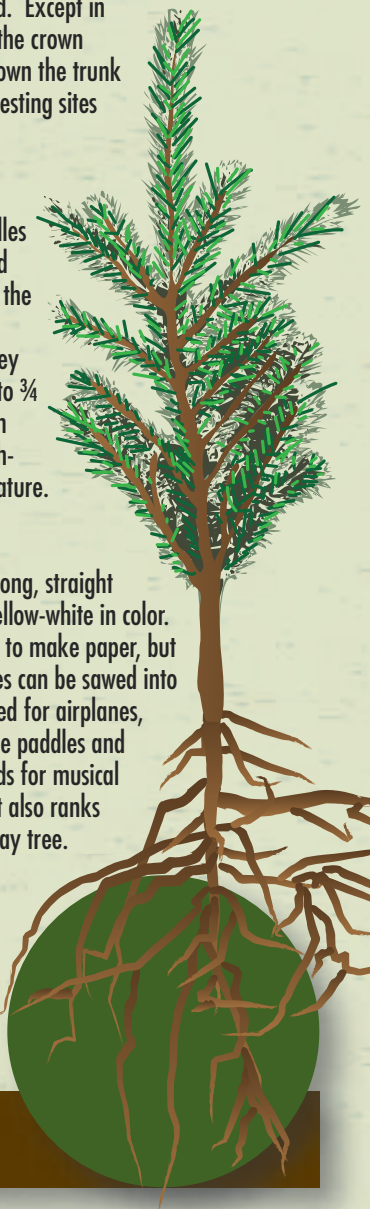
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5	6	7 Use three words that describe the weather today.	8	9	10 Flying squirrels visit suet feeders during the night. They can glide anywhere from a few feet to 150 feet while looking for food.	11
12	13 It's true! Little black sunflower seeds attract the greatest number of perch-feeding birds.	14	15 Look for otter slides along creeks and waterways.	16	17 If there is snow, look for snow fleas (springtails) around the base of tree trunks.	18 Time to build a snowman!
19 Have the lakes frozen yet?	20	21 Full (Cold) Moon Winter begins. This is the shortest day of the year and the first day of winter.	22	23 Fun Forestry Fact: The balsam fir is a popular holiday tree. Evergreen trees inspired the Yuletide song, "O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree).	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28 Endangered Species Act Passed (1973). Name one endangered species that depends on Wisconsin's forests.	29 White-tailed deer bucks begin to shed their antlers.	30	31 New Year's Eve.	

White Spruce
(Picea glauca)

Form
The White spruce reaches 60 to 80 feet in height; occasionally over 100 feet. The crown is a broad-based, open pyramid, with branches curving upward. Except in dense forests, the crown extends well down the trunk and provides nesting sites for birds.

Leaf
The tree's needles are 4-sided and crowded along the upper half of branchlets. They are usually 1/2 to 3/4 inches in length and dark bluish-green when mature.

Wood
The wood is strong, straight grained and yellow-white in color. It is often used to make paper, but the largest trees can be sawed into lumber and used for airplanes, furniture, canoe paddles and sounding boards for musical instruments. It also ranks high as a holiday tree.



Fruit
White spruce produce a slender *cone*, about 2 inches long, that matures in one season. They turn light brown when ripe, and usually drop during winter after opening and shedding seeds. These seeds are 1/8 to 1/6 inch long, pale brown and winged.

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